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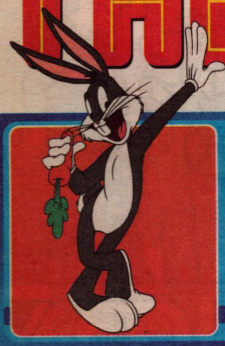

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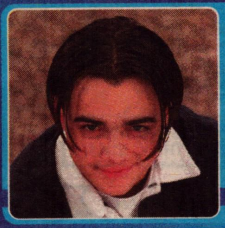

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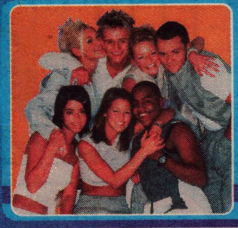

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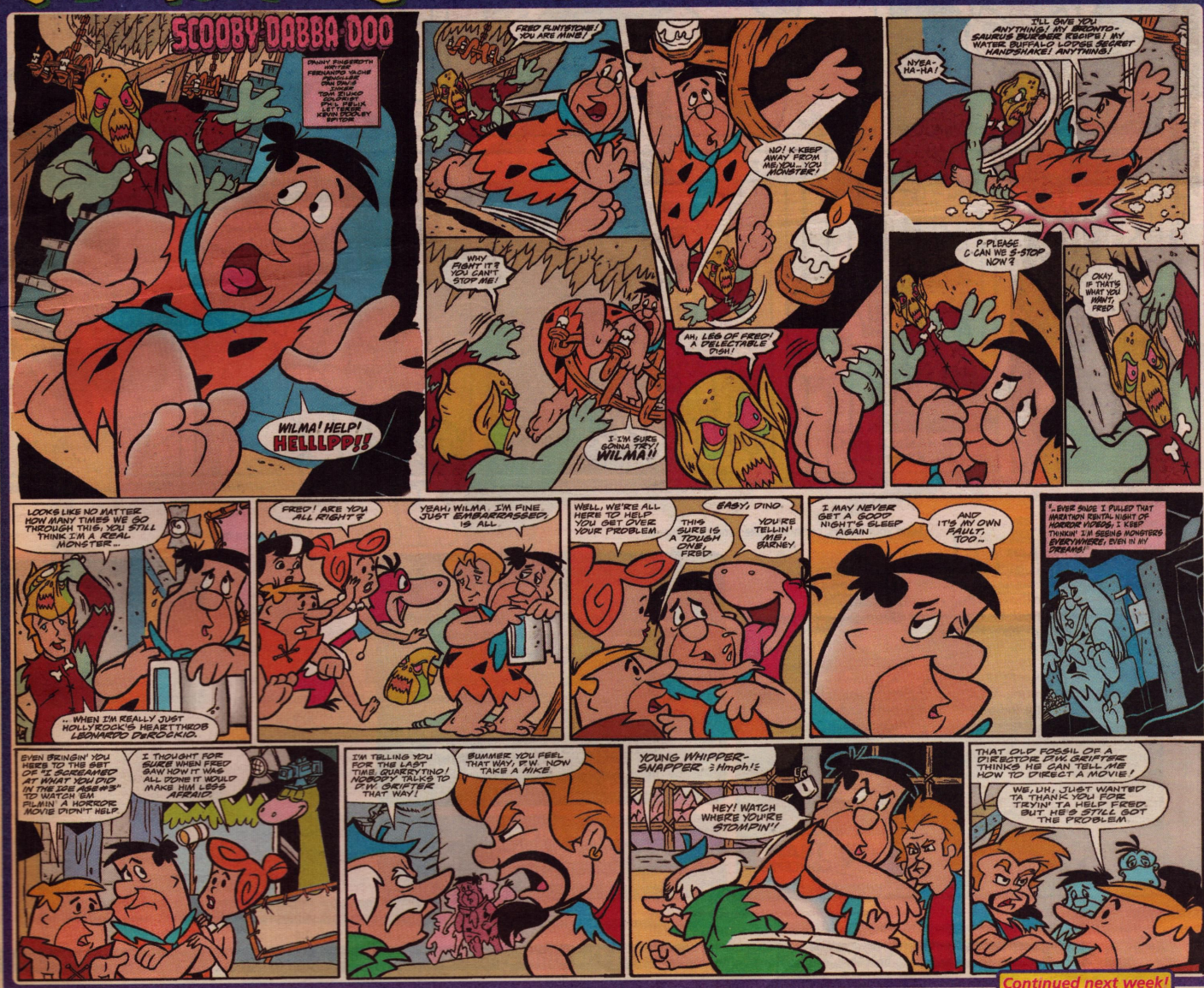

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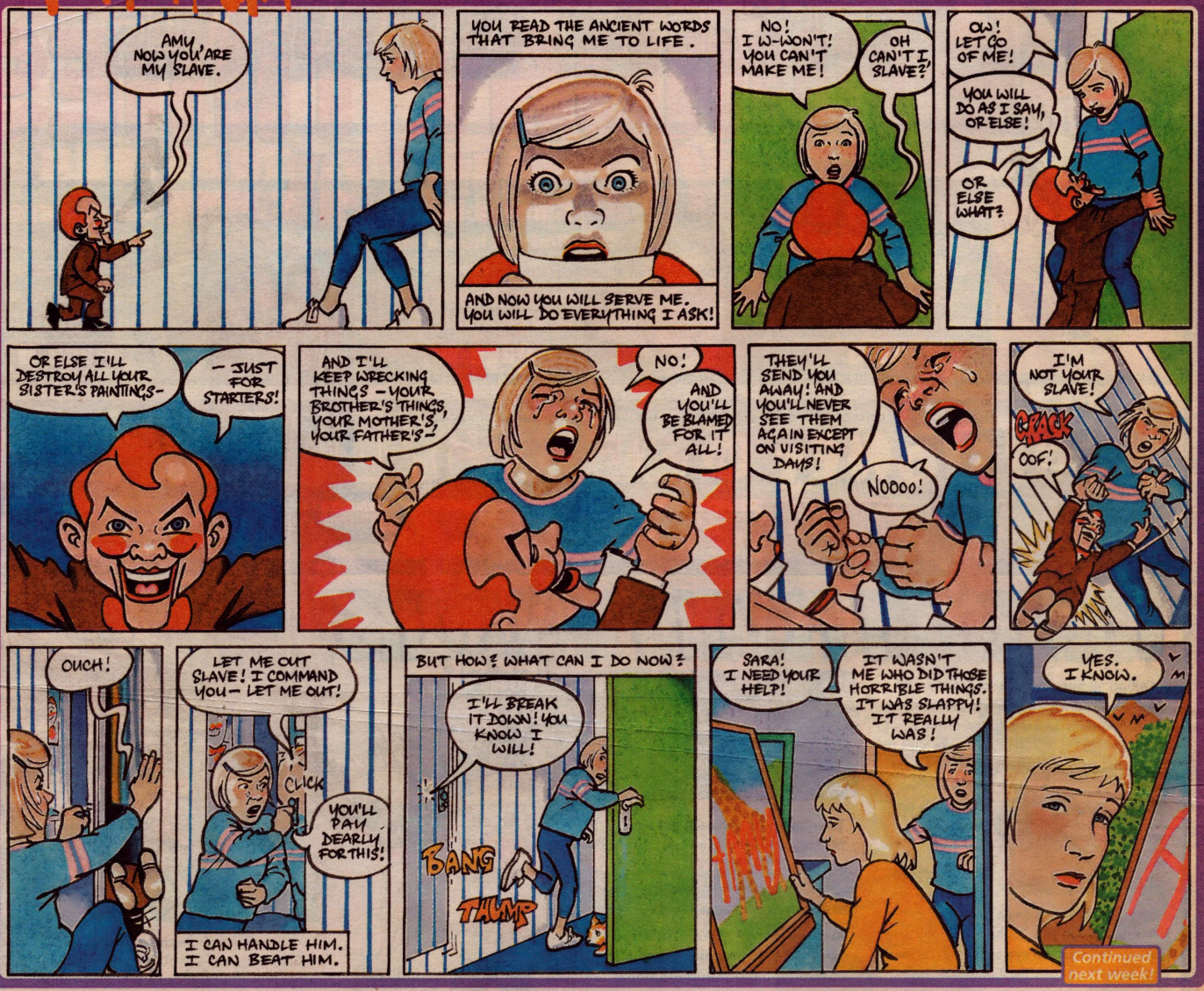
Goosebumps in NIGHT OF THE LIVING DUMMY II

The story so far: My name's Amy Kramer and now I know I've gone mad. My evil ventriloquist dummy, Slappy, is talking to me ...



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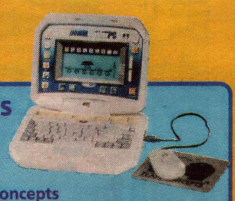

Are you struggling with your homework? Well, struggle no more! This new Power Master PC from Team Concepts is here to help. With its homework helper, activities to improve your memory and its staggering 41 levels, it won't fail to keep you entertained.

The star entry will win this fab Power Master PC (£89.99), plus a full-size power printer (£89.99). Five runners-up will receive a Super Trivia Master (£19.99), which has more than 2,000 built-in trivia questions and games to amuse you.

TEAM CONCEPTS

Dear f-mail,
I'm writing to try and make people realise how important cancer is. Some people don't think about it until it's too late. A few months ago one of my friends fell ill with cancer, and she keeps getting better and then worse again. Her treatment makes her very ill and puts her off her food. She has travelled more than 160km for special treatment. I hope she gets better very soon, and I hope that Funday Times readers realise how serious cancer is.
Alicia Johns, 12, Bangor

What do you call a naked pig?
Streaky bacon!
Nicholas Alexander, 11, Surrey

Dear f-mail,
Glory, Glory, Man United!!!
I would just like to say to all Funday Times readers that if you saw the European Cup final, Manchester United v Bayern Munich, you will agree with me that Man U played amazingly brill! I still can't believe that they managed to score in the last two minutes of injury time. They have done the most amazing thing, winning all three cups in one season (the treble). I will never forget the three matches, especially the European Cup final. That's all I wanted to say.
Sroop Sunar, 12, by e-mail

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FUN Competitions!

COMPETITION ADDRESS Send answers to all competitions to us at: The Funday Times, PO Box 5073, Leighton Buzzard LU7 7GX. Competition deadline: June 23
You can now e-mail your competition answers to: funday.competitions@sunday-times.co.uk

PARTY ANIMALS

Bugs Bunny and more than 200 of his Looney Tunes chums are taking over millennium celebrations in Europe with their own fun alternative – the Mil-Looney-Um.

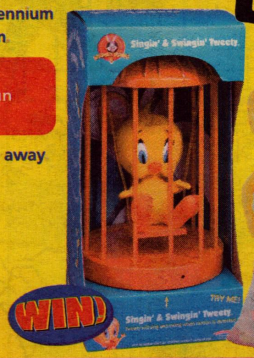
They're hard at work at campaign headquarters, which is based at a secret location in the UK, making plans to steal the show with loads of fun activities to welcome in the new Mil-Looney-Um.

To get you in the party mood we've got a great money-can't-buy prize to give away. One lucky winner will get the chance to have themselves drawn into a cartoon-animation cell with their favourite Looney Tunes character.

Five runners-up will each win a Looney Tunes goody bag.

To enter, tell us the name of one of Bugs Bunny's cartoon rivals.

Mark your answer LOONEY and send your name, age and address to the competition address above



WIN WITH FLYING COLOURS

Calling all budding young designers! Here's a chance for you to show off your creative skills and design an original set of racing silks for a very unusual jockey – none other than Mr Potato Head.

The star of Toy Story has been invited to a family charity race day at Ascot Racecourse on July 25, and naturally wants to catch the eye of the starter with an outfit that suits his flamboyant style.

The winning designer and their family (two adults and two children) will be treated to a VIP day out at the event, with the chance to rub shoulders with some of the cast from EastEnders. They'll also get to present their winning outfit to Mr Potato Head, prior to the charity pantomime horse race.

Ten runners-up will each get either a Mr Potato Head or a Mrs Potato Head.

To enter, send us a drawing of your outfit for Mr Potato Head.

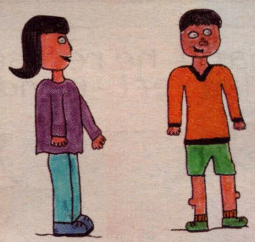
Mark your entry POTATO and don't forget to send your name, age and address to the competition address, above

All proceeds from the event will go to Great Ormond Street Children's Hospital and the British Kidney Patient Association.

Dear f-mail,
I had to do my SATS this year and I think it is unfair that we have to be put through the ordeal of taking them. My dad is a head teacher and he said that two children at his school were actually sick because they were so nervous. Why do we have to take them? They aren't that important. I think it is just unfair on all of us.
Helen Burtrand, 11, Essex

Ruth Robinson,
11, Aberdeen

Do you know where Lucy comes from?



Alaska.
No, I'll ask her myself.

Dear f-mail,
An extension to the M50 is being built near where I used to live. It is costing a lot of money and funding from the EU for this sort of thing is going to stop soon. The extension of the motorway is going to cut two holes off the local golf course and a bit off a few people's gardens. Some houses have already been demolished, along with a small factory. It is right next to my old school and, besides the pollution, there will be constant noise. I think progress is necessary but isn't this a very high price to pay?
Niall Sherry, 12, by e-mail

Win a Yowie holiday!

We're celebrating Cadbury Land Yowies landing in the UK from Australia! Kirsty and Annie Walton from Basildon, Essex, have won a trip to Cadbury World and now go into the draw to win a holiday Down Under!

To enter, simply bring The Funday Times to the Swindon Evening Advertiser stand at Tesco, Ocotal Way, Swindon, Wiltshire, on Saturday, June 19 and collect a free limited-edition Yowie pencil topper (while stocks last) to start your collection.

If you're pictured with Rumble in The Funday Times, you'll win a trip to Cadbury World and have the chance to win a holiday to Australia!

Asterix and the Black Gold

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2000+ Your view of the future

Check out our brand-new column, 2000+, which is the spot in The Funday Times where you can express your thoughts and ideas on the fast-approaching millennium!

This e-mail was sent by 12-year-old Tamzin Merchant from West Sussex

I am writing to express my views on the millennium. For us, next year is 2000, but not all countries use the same calendar. In some places, they have already passed 2000, while in other places they still have a few years to go. There is no need to have huge debates on the subject, because even if we aren't in the year we think we are, it cannot be changed. The world would go crazy if we found ourselves back in 1994, with six years of the countdown left, or in 2002, and we'd missed our skiing holiday in the Alps by two years! I think everyone is going way over the top about the millennium, just because the year is a round number. What we should really be celebrating is 2000 years since the birth of Christ. I also think that the Millennium Dome is a waste of money, because it is designed to last 30 years and will only really be relevant for one year. Other people will have different views from me, but I think that everybody is making too much of the millennium!

Send your poems, stories, drawings and letters to The Funday Times 2000+, PO Box 495, London E1 9XW

If your entry appears in 2000+, you will receive a copy of Just In Time: Stories to Mark the Millennium, published by Puffin (£4.99). There are great stories by Dick King-Smith, Gillian Cross, Nina Bawden and many others.

Jarvis

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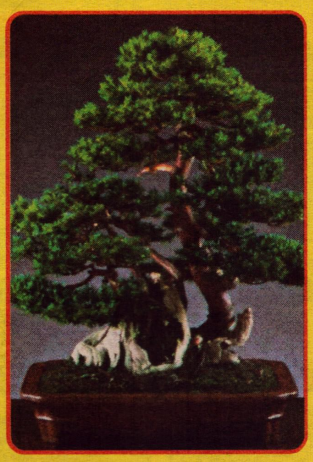
news

Fat's not fair

An attempted jailbreak in South Africa turned into pure farce when a burly prisoner found it impossible to squeeze his wobbling beer-belly through the hole that had been made. Fuming Fred Arkjvijk became tightly wedged between the cell bars, after a friend on the outside had forced them apart using hydraulic jacks. Fat Fred's accomplice fled, but was arrested later after dropping his identity card at the scene! Doh!

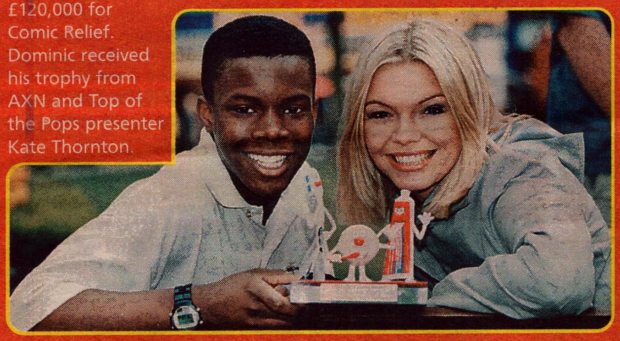
It's a snip



Experts estimate that a tiny tree could sell for an amazing £50,000 at a sale in London this Thursday.
The 600-year-old yew is an outstanding example of the oriental art of bonsai in which a tree's branches and foliage are delicately trimmed to achieve a form of miniature horticultural perfection. This particular specimen is known as The Tree of the Emperor's Gaze, because it used to be the centre-piece in a19th century Japanese ruler's rooms. For more information about the Asia Week sale, visit **www.sothebys.com**

Grin and bear it

Fourteen-year-old Dominic Rowe is grinning from ear to ear, after winning Colgate's Smile of the Year competition. The first prize for the Cardiff teenager with amazing pearly-whites is a holiday in Florida for Dominic and his family. The special promotion raised a whopping £120,000 for Comic Relief.
Dominic received his trophy from AXN and Top of the Pops presenter Kate Thornton.



What a groovy gadget!

Get set for a revolution in communication! The world's first mobile phone with a colour screen and video camera has just been launched in Japan – and should be in the UK soon. The Kyocera company's amazing Visual Phone is the very first to make polychromatic talk-and-see telecommunication possible. The 5cm state-of-the-art screen enables callers to have cosy face-to-face chats, even when they're thousands of kilometres apart. The Visual Phone will cost around £200 when it goes on sale in July.

Get shorty!

Adam Rickitt's debut single, I Breathe Again, hits the shops tomorrow – and it's tipped to be a smash hit. But the ex-soap star found time to sit down with the Funday Times last week to tell us about his music.

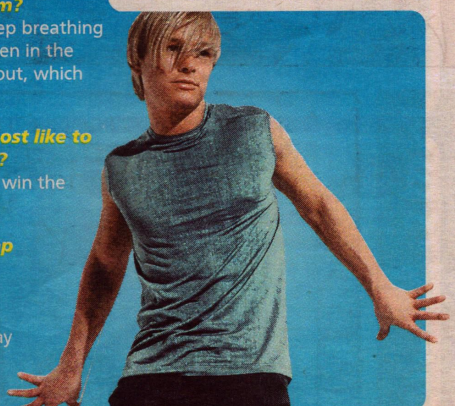
The single is very disco-pop, is this what your album is going to be like?
I love dance and pop music, and yes, that's what the album is like. I like really lively, fun music and I can't be bothered with doing a ballad.

Have you written your own songs?
Yes, most of them. I started by writing poetry when I was really young and my mum has still got a book of the stuff I wrote when I was five. It's really embarrassing stuff!

Did anything funny happen while you were making the album?
One day I did all this really deep breathing and used up most of the oxygen in the sound booth. I nearly passed out, which was a bit embarrassing.

What change would you most like to see in the next millennium?
I'd like to see Manchester City win the Premiership!

Who would you like to swap places with for a day?
Lennox Lewis, because then nobody would mess with me. And I'd love to be 6'4" for a day because I'm only 5'11" and people say I'm a shorty!



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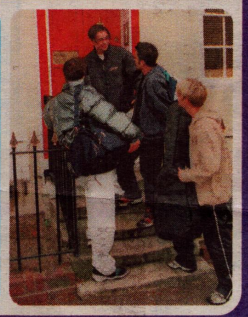
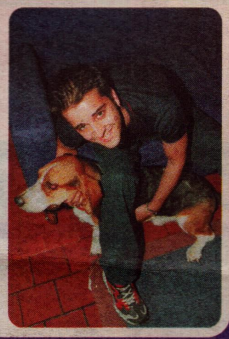
CREATING A HIT

1 A day spent recording is usually a long one. The lads arrive at the studios in south London while most people are still eating breakfast! The building might not look impressive from the outside, but a1 are following in the footsteps of Cher, The Tamperer and Gary Barlow – who've all recorded hit songs here.

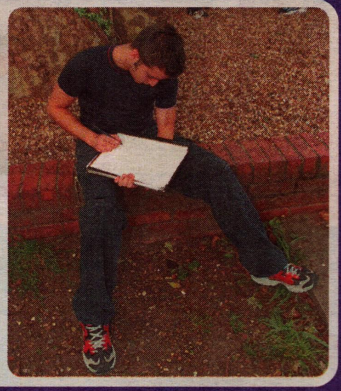


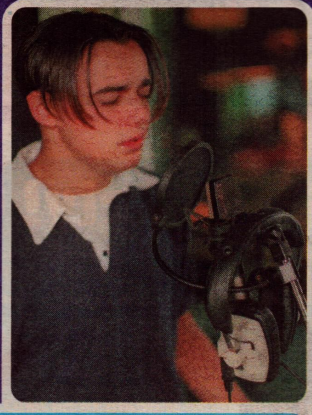
2 Before they begin recording, the lads sit down for a chat. They discuss some minor adjustments to the song they're recording today. "It takes us about half a day to write a song," explains Mark. "And then about two days to record it. That's a bit longer than some people because we record our own backing vocals."

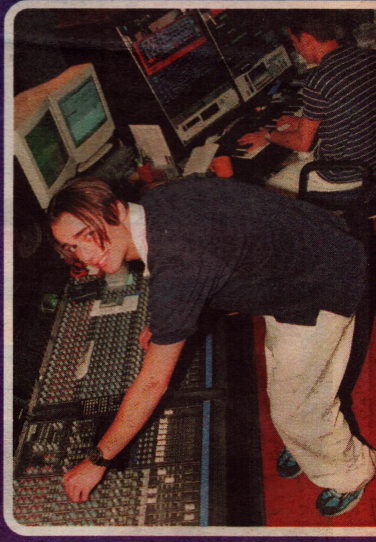


3 The boys are word perfect and don't use a song sheet when they're recording. But Paul makes a note of today's changes to the lyrics, just in case one of them forgets something later in the day!

Unlike most boybands, the lads in a1 contribute more than just the vocals to their tracks. "We've written 80% of the album ourselves and the others have all played instruments as well," says Paul. "Christian plays piano and guitar, Ben plays piano and Mark plays drums and piano. I can't play anything," he grins. "But I do the choreography!"







4 Before the band start recording, producer Mark Taylor takes his seat in the control room and makes adjustments to the many buttons on the vast recording console. "I know this looks really complicated, but really it's not at all," Mark says.

5 Ben is the first in the sound booth and, using a computer known as a sequencer, Mark plays Ben the song's backing track through his headphones. "What Ben is listening to is an unfinished version of the track," explains producer Mark. "We keep the track as simple as possible at this stage and then build the music around the voices, once they've been recorded."

The disc in front of the microphone is called a pop shield. It prevents the puffs of breath that come out of your mouth when you sing loudly from hitting the microphone and making a popping sound!

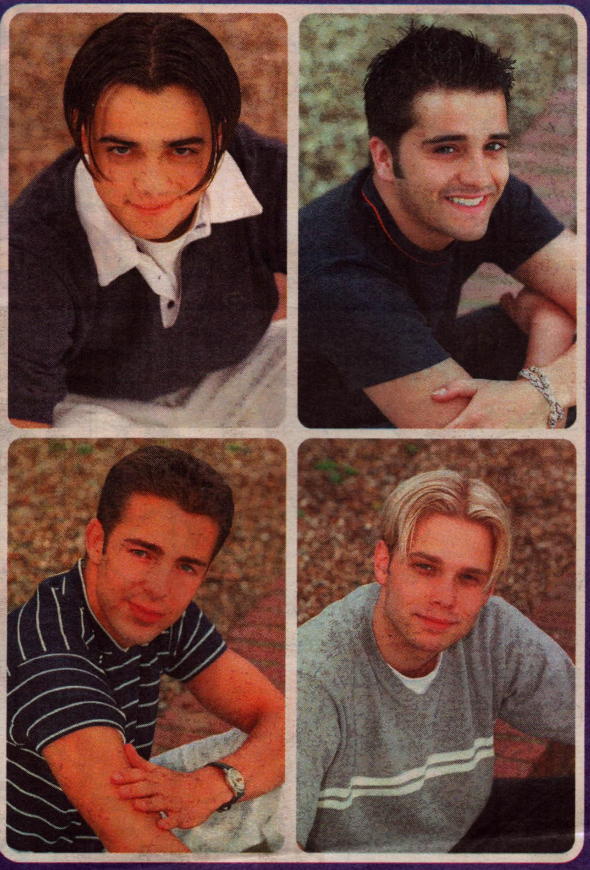
T!

New boyband a1 release their debut single next week. Be The First To Believe is tipped to be a monster smash and Dave Coombs visited Ben, Paul, Mark and Christian in the recording studio, to find out how they set about creating a hit!

6 To banish any background noise, the vocal booth must be completely sound-proof. In order to speak to the lads, Mark uses a talkback microphone on the recording console and his voice comes through their headphones.

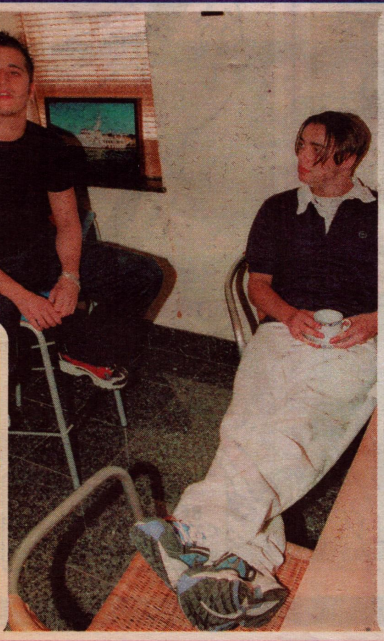
Not many bands record together in the booth like a1 do. "We're a harmony-based band, and sometimes it's just easier if we all come in here together," says Christian.

"But when we do, we play our game of seeing how high we can sing," chuckles Mark. "Some of us are up to Mariah Carey standards now! But I won't tell you who's the best!"

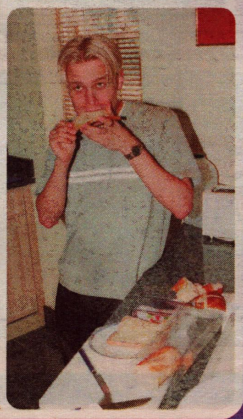


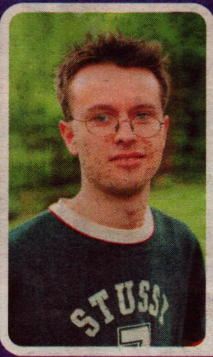
7 Although each song only lasts about four minutes, it takes two days to record the vocals because each track is recorded in small parts. Mark Taylor makes the boys repeat every one until it's just right. All the pieces are then patched together at the end.

9 Christian is adding his guitar skills to this song, and spends some of his lunch break practising his part.



8 Before long, a1 are ready for their lunch. It's tiring working in the studio, but luckily there's a big kitchen in the building and the boys dive straight for the fridge!





10 "The vocal recordings are saved onto the hard disc of a computer in the control room," explains Mark Taylor. Additional instruments are also recorded onto the computer, which Mark then uses to piece all the parts of the song together.

"Be The First To Believe took 10 days to complete once the boys had finished the vocals, and that meant working all hours of the day and night," Mark adds.

11 The completed song leaves the studio on a DAT, or Digital Audio Tape. This tiny, high-quality tape is used to duplicate the thousands and thousands of CDs that you can buy in the shops!

BERYL the PERIL

BERYL THE PERIL APPEARS EVERY WEEK IN The DANDY
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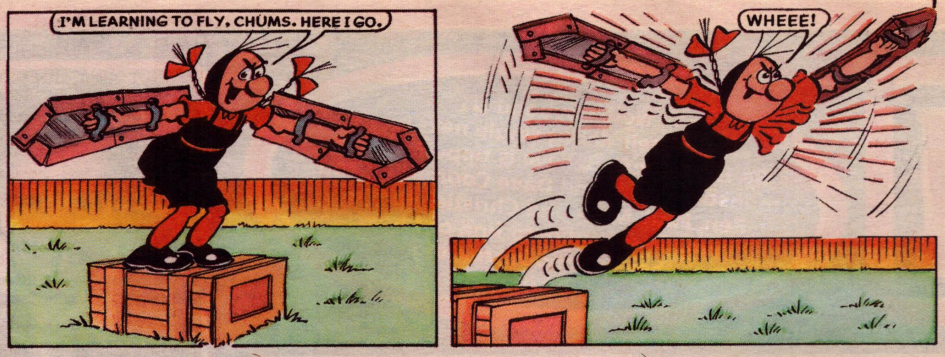

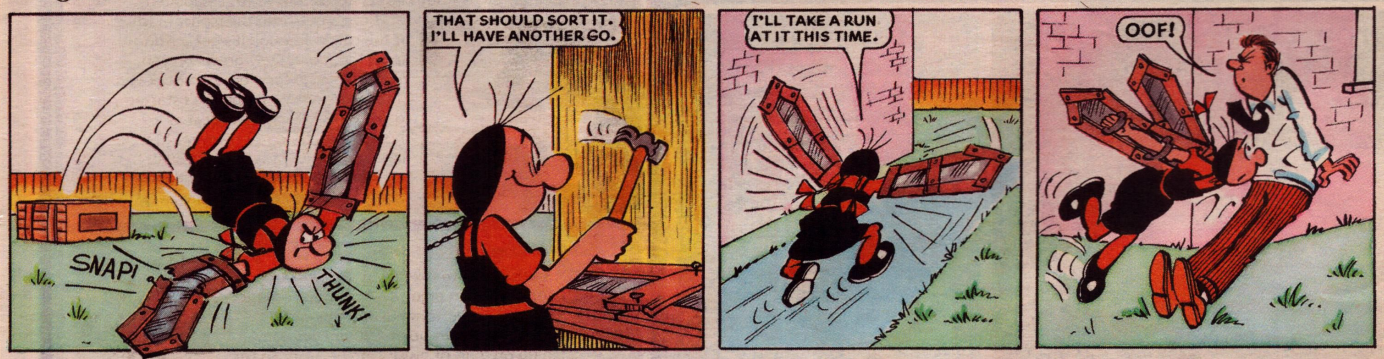

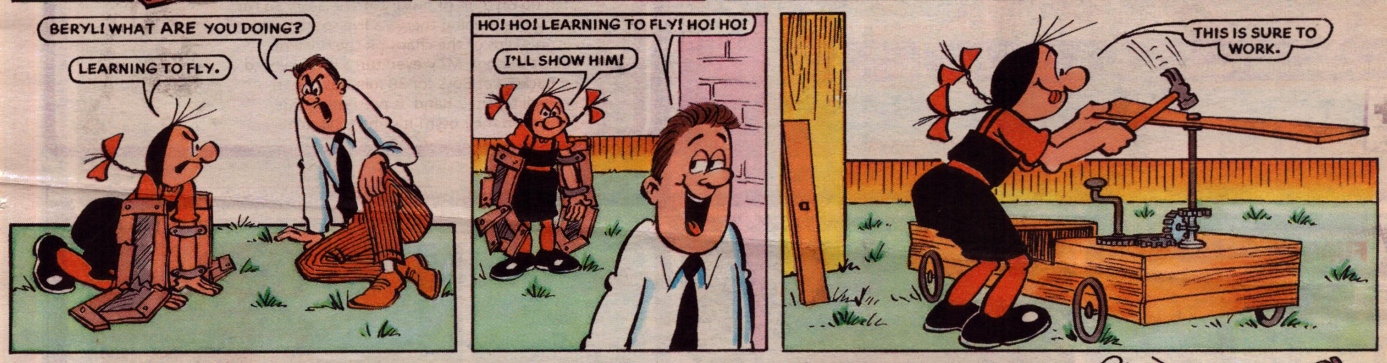

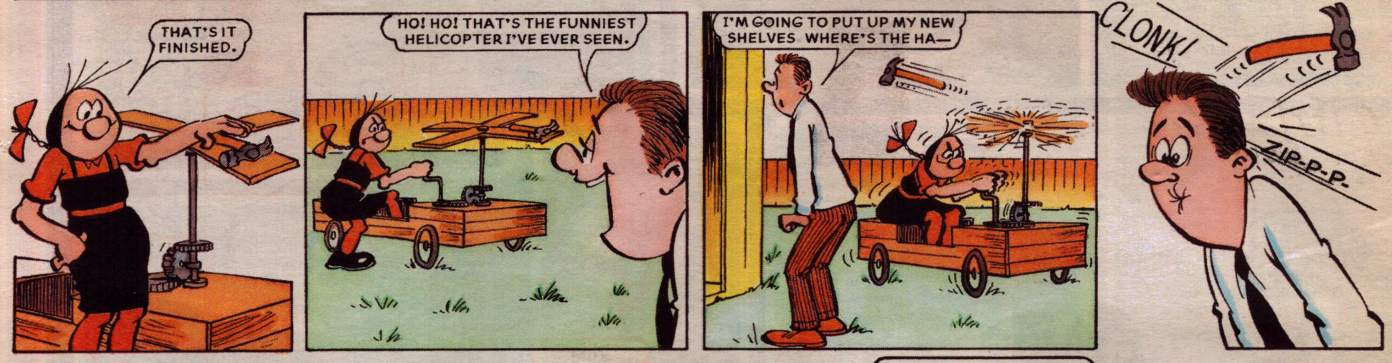

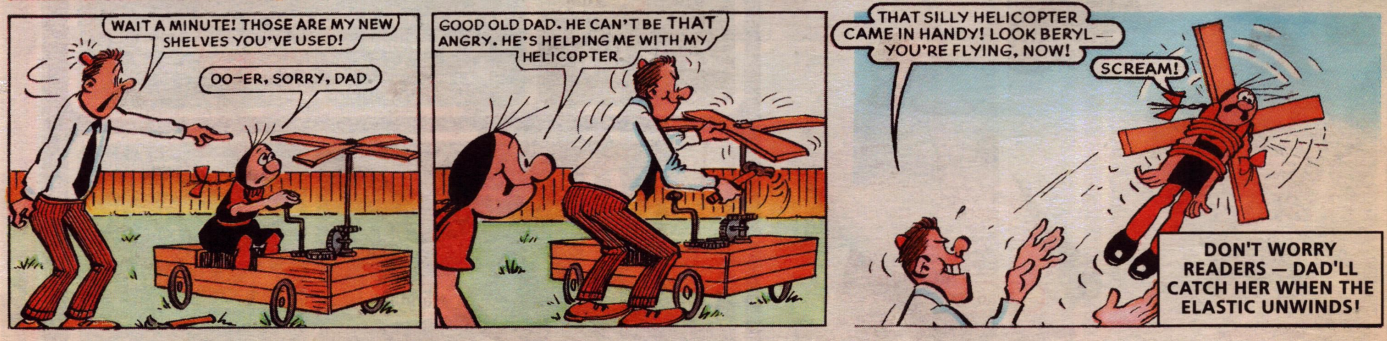

Beryl gets off to a flying start again next week!

DAGSy DOG with vet Catherine Morganti

Is it true that when hamsters, who are brother and sister, reproduce together, they become weak and die? Also my hamster, Rex, has a pimple on his right front paw. Our vet told us to apply cream to it but when we do, he licks his paw and I think he wipes most of it off, so I guess it doesn't do much good. What should I do?
Jeeana Atmarow

Within every cell of your body are genes. They organise how your body grows and determine physical features, such as the colour of your eyes. But if genes are damaged or weak they can cause illness. Genes come in pairs and a damaged gene can be hidden by a healthy one. Brother and sister hamsters share many genes in common. If they reproduce there is an increased chance that the offspring will get damaged genes from both parents and be weak or develop an hereditary illness. So it is generally not a good idea from brother and sister hamsters to reproduce.
If Rex's pimple isn't getting better perhaps you should take him back to your vet.

If you have a question for me or you want to send in a cool fact, write to: **The Funday Times, Dagsy Dog, PO Box 495, London E1 9XW**

Answer by Catherine Morganti

The Blue Cross, one of Britain's largest animal welfare charities, has three animal hospitals, two veterinary clinics, 11 adoption centres and two equine centres nationally. Last year the charity found homes for more than 8,000 animals and treated more than 60,000 pets at its hospitals.

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LIFT OFF

BOOK

BOYZONE ... BY REQUEST BP Fallon ★★★★●

If you love the Irish lads from Boyzone, then this is definitely the book for you! Ronan, Stephen, Mikey, Shane and Keith tell the story of their amazing success in their own words. It is crammed with previously unseen photographs and exclusive interviews, including an Internet chat Ronan had with David Bowie!

We've got five copies of Boyzone . By Request to give away. To win, tell us the name of Boyzone's most recent number one hit. Mark your answer BOYZONE and send your name, age and address to the competition address on page 3.

SINGLE

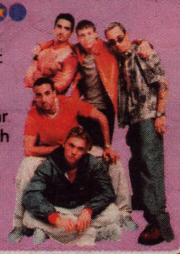
MY LOVE IS YOUR LOVE Whitney Houston ★★★●●

This isn't as funky at Whitney's last chart smash, which catapulted Mrs Brown back into the higher reaches of the charts, though it's got a lilting appeal that definitely grows on you. Whitney's gone for a bit of a shock wig in the video – could it be she's started to go grey? In fact, it's almost as though she's trying to re-invent herself, although we were very happy with her last look. Too slow to get you dancing, but it should produce a happy sway!

ON THE BOX

BACKSTREET BOYS DAY MTV ★★★★●

Before the fab five take London's Earl's Court by storm, you can enjoy a whole day of music television devoted to the world's biggest boyband. If you get up at 7.30am, you can catch up on a bit of history in The Story So Far. During the evening there's a live special, which features clips of the chaps on their recent sell-out US tour. MTV even turns itself over to the Backstreet Boys for 30 minutes, when they will try their hand at presenting the channel on their own! It's one to watch!



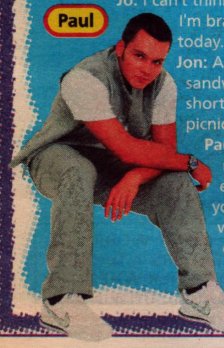
FUNDAY BUZZ!

Club life

Want to know more about S Club 7? Well we've got the lowdown. The band paid an early-morning visit to our offices last week for a fry-up and some fun! This is what they said.

Give us a snappy saying that sums up the band.

Jo: I can't think of one. I'm brain dead today.
Jon: A sandwich short of a picnic!
Paul: And no-one even told you we were coming!


Paul

What jobs did you do before joining S Club 7?

Jo: I used to blow up balloons in my mum and dad's shop. I didn't get paid for it, I just did it because I loved it so much! I know, it's sad.
Paul: I was a dustman for a while. People think it would be really smelly work but I didn't smell any more than usual!
Tina: I was a receptionist at a chiropodist. Which wasn't smelly at all because I didn't have to look at any of the customers' feet.
Hannah: I worked in a holiday camp, putting on shows.
Bradley: I used to sell kitchens, and then I worked in Burger King.

Jo

What was the last thing you bought?

Jo: A pair of white trousers.
Jon: A travelcard this morning.
Paul: I bought a newspaper today.
Hannah: Oh dear, the last thing I bought was a sausage sandwich.

It's very catchy, so how do you get Bring It All Back out of your head once you've listened to it?

Paul: Oh the best thing to do is to hold your nose and sneeze and it just blows the song right out of your head.
Jon: Or the other way is to stick your fingers down your throat. But that doesn't sound good does it?

What's made you cringe recently?

Hannah: Watching myself on TV definitely. It's terrible.
Rachel: I cringe at a lot of the things I had to say on the series.
Tina: And I one point I was mouthing the words so much, it looked just horrible.

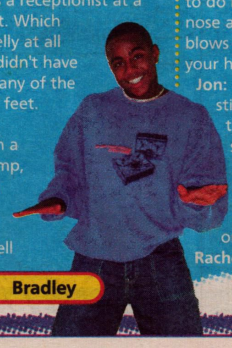
Who made the worst fashion mistake as a youngster?

Jo: I once wore a skin-tight mini dress made from white bubble Lycra. I had a luminous yellow jack on with LA Gear on the back and I wore black stilettoes and my hair in a palm tree style.
Tina: Well, that beats anything I ever did!

Tina

Who could you do if you had to be on Stars In Their Eyes?

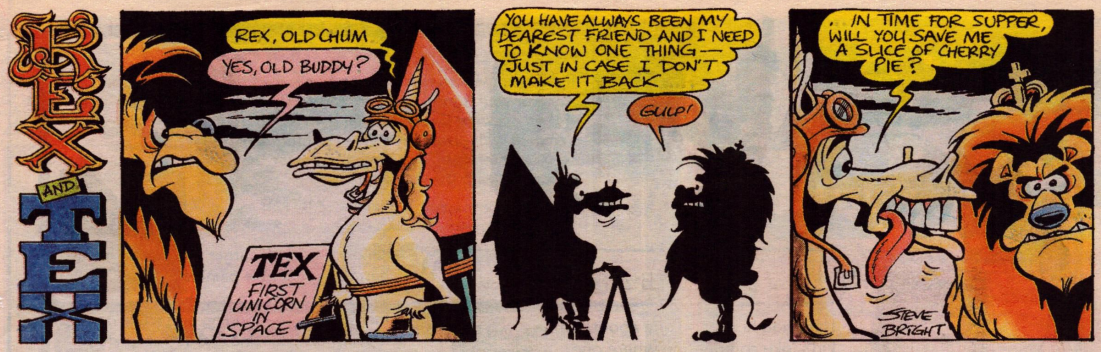
Jo: Olivia Newton-John, definitely.
Tina: I think I could do quite a good Björk.
Paul: I do a good Cliff Richard!
Jo: Paul's Cliff is great!

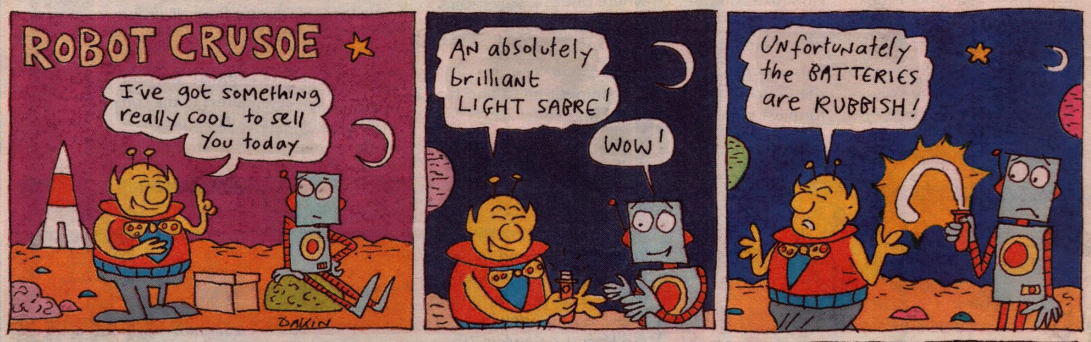

Bradley

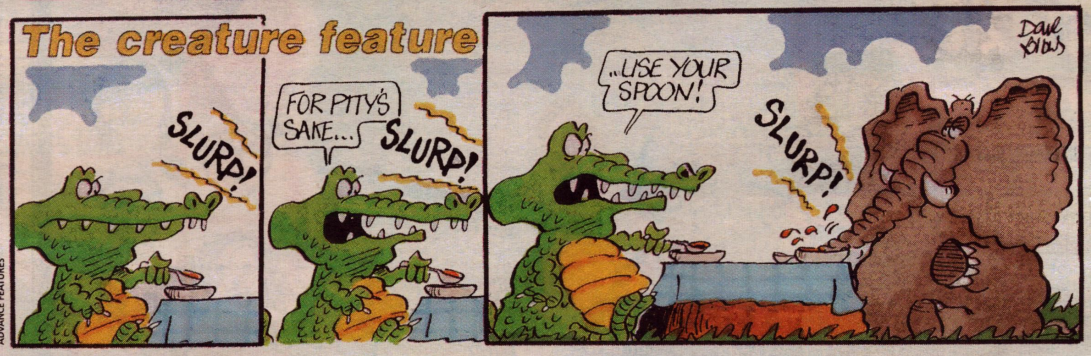
Hannah

We asked each member of S Club 7 to draw a self portrait. Paul, Jo, Bradley, Tina, Rachel, Hannah and Jon all got scribbling, but see if you can guess who drew which fantastic picture!

Answers on page 10







ADVANCE FEATURES

CATCH DENNIS & GNASHER ON FOX KIDS EVERY DAY AT 5PM!

NEXT WEEK in FUNDAY

The lads from Mero tell us some of their biggest secrets!

We serve up the facts on tennis hero and French Open champ Andre Agassi

Top TV chef Anthony Worrall Thompson tells us all about the Cooking Bus and Focus on Food week!

BUZZ ANSWERS
1 Tina, 2 Bradley, 3 Paul, 4 Hannah, 5 Rachel, 6 Jon, 7 Jo

The Zone

Become a member to join in the fun!

Happy Birthday

Spider-Man from Fox Kids, the cable, satellite and digital channel, is really chuffed to be wishing these Zoners a happy birthday. Michelle Cheah (left) from Essex will be 13 on Tuesday and Duncan Windsor (right) from Bristol will be 7 on the same day! Have fun!

If you'd like to be wished a happy birthday in The FC Zone (or if you would like to send a happy birthday message to a Fun Club member) send in a passport-size photo* to The FC Zone address and you might appear in The Funday Times. If you're a member already send one in, with your name, address, date of birth and membership number.

*Photos must be received 4-6 weeks before the birthday and cannot be returned.

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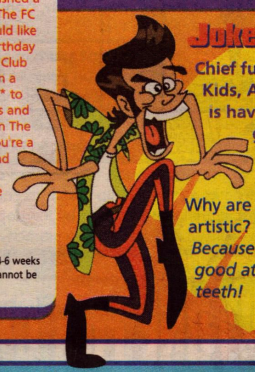


Joke

Chief funster at Fox Kids, Ace Ventura, is having a good giggle at Josephine Holt's gag!

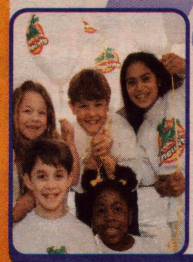
Why are dentists artistic?
Because they are good at drawing teeth!

How funny are you?

Have you heard the one about the kid's joke competition where one boy or girl could win their very own dream party? It's no joke!

This summer, kids aged 5-14 can enter the Chuckle with Chewits competition to find the funniest kid's joke in the UK and Eire.

The child who tells the funniest joke (and tells it best) will win the party of their choice worth £5,000 and an opportunity to tell their gag on X-Press, the daily magazine show on Fox Kids. Two runners-up will each win £500.



To enter, you need to get an entry form by calling 0117 921 0493 or writing to Chuckle with Chewits, c/o Harrison Cowley, 7th Floor, Broad Quay House, Broad Quay, Bristol BS1 4DJ. Competition closes on August 31.

FOX KIDS

Splat-tastic fun

Take aim and fire! Supa Splat from Kidz Biz features a rapid fire paintball repeater and shoots 20 paintballs in just 10 seconds. Simply set up the target and plaster it with harmless, washable paintballs.

We've got 10 sets to give away to Fun Club members, each including protective goggles, a paintball magazine and 100 colourful paintballs (available from all leading toy stores).

To win, tell us which colour you get by mixing blue and yellow paint together.

Mark your answer **PAINT** and send your name, age and address to the competition address on page 3. Enter now!

FC FUN

You can e-mail us at: funday.times@sunday-times.co.uk or write to us. Send a picture, funny photo or story to: The FC Zone, PO Box 5073, Leighton Buzzard LU7 7GX. Everyone who appears in The FC Zone will get this cool Connections game from Tiger Electronics, worth £31.99. It's a challenging game of strategy! Try and light up four lights in a row, in any direction to win. But beware – lights "drain" out the bottom when the row is full!

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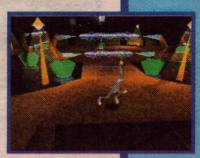
BUNNY BONANZA



Catch the world's most famous carrot lover as he makes his 3D debut in the hottest PlayStation event this summer. Bugs Bunny Lost In Time is a fab Looney Tunes adventure that will appeal to game fans of all ages. On his way back home to Albuquerque, Bugs accidentally discovers and activates a time machine. His task is to get back to the present day.

One lucky reader who joins The Fun Club this week will get a fully-customised, limited-edition Bugs Bunny Lost In Time PlayStation with a copy of the game, all inside an exclusive Bugs Bunny fluffy lunchbox.

The next five people to join will each get a copy of this great game and lunchbox.

Mark your application BUGS.

*YES PLEASE! Make me a member of The Fun Club for 12 months and send me my Funfax for £4.99 + £1 P&P

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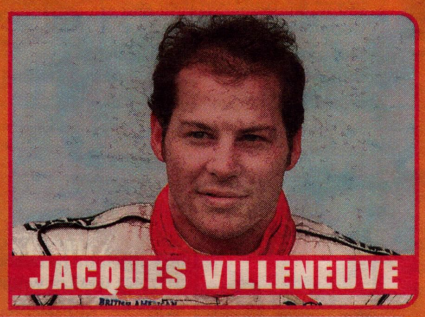
DAMON HILL



JACQUES VILLENEUVE

Formula One fever will grip the Canadian city of Montreal this afternoon, where Michael Schumacher and Mika Hakkinen look set for another titanic battle, but others, like Damon Hill and Jacques Villeneuve, are trying to muscle in on the action. Here's our guide to two of the best-known names in motor racing.

Success Damon 10, Jacques 10	Not much to divide these two. Both of them have won the world championship once, and both have also finished as runner-up. Britain's Damon has had more race wins, but Canadian Jacques has the IndyCar title to his credit as well. Basically, they're both great champions.
Dress sense Damon 8, Jacques 10	Jacques is known as the trendiest man in grand prix racing, thanks to his untucked shirts, hairstyle changes and relaxed look. He loves to lounge around in jeans and the coolest, new trainers. Damon dresses well, but he hasn't quite got his finger on the fashion pulse like Jacques.
The future Damon 6, Jacques 9	At 38, Damon doesn't have that many more years of racing ahead of him and there are plenty of rumours that he may retire at the end of the year. Jacques is just 27 and now that he has joined a new team, he looks motivated to have a shot at another world title in the near future.
Fans Damon 10, Jacques 8	Jacques is one of Canada's biggest and most popular stars, but he still can't touch Damon when it comes to worldwide fame. Wherever he goes, Damon gets mobbed by autograph hunters and when he races in Britain the crowds follow him everywhere.
Rivalry Damon 10, Jacques 8	Everyone in Formula One loves a bit of rivalry between drivers and Damon's battles with Michael Schumacher are now sporting legend. Jacques hasn't had the chance to battle as intensely as that, but he fought hard against his team-mate in 1996 – none other than Damon himself!
Total	**Another close race has come to an end, with Damon scoring 44 points. But our winner today is Jacques, who came home one point ahead!**

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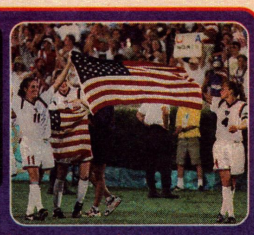

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Women's football

Football's World Cup starts this week, but don't expect to see Michael Owen or Ronaldo taking part. This is the cup for women's teams, which kicks off on Saturday. So to keep you on the ball – here's our guide to women's football.

History The first organised matches of women's football took place in the 18th century, but the sport really took off in the 1950s. The first unofficial world championship was held in 1971.

Who are the best team? The Americans probably take this accolade. The US has more than 1,000 teams who play in regular leagues, they sit at the top of the ranking list and they are favourites to lift the cup in front of their own fans.

What about the British teams? England are ranked 14th, Scotland 31st, Wales 46th and Northern Ireland are 91st. Ireland are 35th. Sadly, none have qualified for this year's World Cup.

World Cup history The first tournament was held in 1991 in China and it was run again in Sweden in 1995. Norway won it, so they are the defending champions.

What is Britain's next hope? The Olympic Games next year. Women's football became an Olympic sport in 1996.

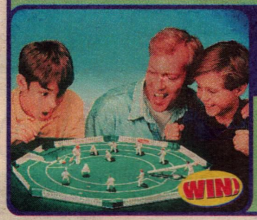
Crowd size In America, big matches can draw crowds as large as a Premiership match in England. The 1996 Olympic final was watched by a whopping 80,000 fans – the size of a Wembley capacity crowd!

ANYONE FOR CRICKET?

Take your first step towards professional cricket with World Cup Cricket from Mattel, the original action-packed table top cricket game.

The unique bowling and batting mechanism lets you choose your shot, making it as close as you can get to the real thing indoors. Each player takes his innings in turn while the other player places fielders on the pitch to contain the opposing batsmen.

We've got 40 World Cup Cricket games to give away



To win one, tell us the name of the current captain of the England cricket team.

Mark your answer CRICKET and send your name, age and address to the competition address on page 3

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